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PENSION FOR MEN OF ARTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of persons in Delhi and Maharashtra receiving Central and State Pension at present for `Men of Arts`, district-wise;

(b) the criteria fixed for award of such pension alongwith formalities reqired to get such pension; and

(c) the steps taken to award such pension to more persons in Delhi and Maharashtra during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) A Statement as on date, giving the names of beneficiaries in Delhi and Maharashtra under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Persons Distinguished in Letters, Arts and such- other Walks of life in indigent circumstances and their dependents is attached.

(b) The criteria fixed are:

I. To be eligible for assistance under the Scheme, a person`s contribution to art and letters, etc. must be of significance. Traditional scholars who have made significant contribution in their fields would also be eligible notwithstanding the absence of any published works.

II. Personal income of the applicant (including that of his/her spouse) must not exceed Rs.2000/- per month.

III. The applicant should not be less than 58 years of age. (This does not apply in case of dependents).

The procedural requirement are:-

I. The applicants are expected to apply in the prescribed form and send the same to the Department of Culture through respective State Government/UT Administration.

II. In the light of the recommendations of the State Government/UT Administration, financial means and eminence of the applicants, the assistance to be granted and the awardees are decided by the Expert Committee nominated by the Department of Culture, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Government of India subject to the availability of funds.

III. The decisions/recommendations of the Expert Committee are placed before the Minister In-charge of the Department of Culture for approval.

(c) In the past two years the scheme has been publicised through insertion of advertisements in leading newspapers of all States/UTs of the country. This year all the State Governments and Union Territories including Delhi and Maharashtrawere asked to recommend names of eminent artistes requiring assistance under the Scheme.